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MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS IN LONDON, US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, HEADED BY CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER (D-MINN) AND CONGRESSMAN SAM GIBBONS (D-FLA), AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) DELEGATION, HEADED BY EP VICE PRESIDENT MARIO ZAGARI (SOCIALIST, ITALY) MET THE PRESS TO SUMMARIZE THE DISCUSSIONS. SPOKESMEN INDICATED THREE TOPICS HAD OCCUPIED MOST OF THEIR ATTENTION:

(A) NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. THERE WERE SEVERAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS AND WITHIN EACH DELEGATION ON THIS ISSUE. DELEGATIONS HAD AGREED THAT: (I) US AND EC DEMAND FOR ENERGY
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WILL CONTINUE TO GROW, AND NUCLEAR AND "NEW TECHNOLOGIES" WILL BE IMPORTANT SOURCES OF FUTURE ENERGY; (II) US HAS FAR GREATER SUPPLY OF FOSSIL FUELS AND URANIUM THAN DO THE EC COUNTRIES; (III) GREATER RESOURCES SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY FROM FUSION AND CERTAIN OTHER ENERGY SOURCES; (IV) ENERGY CONSERVATION MUST BE FURTHER EMPHASIZED IN THE US AND

EC MEMBER STATES; (V) THERE SHOULD BE AN EXAMINATION OF
"A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR THE REGULARI-
ZATION OF SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUELS"; (VI) INSPECTION
PROCEDURES FOR NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND
PRESENT INSPECTION AGENCIES STRENGTHENED; (VII) PRESENT
AGREEMENTS ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND SAFEGUARDS
SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED; AND (VII) VULNERABILITY OF
NUCLEAR FUELS TO TERRORIST INTERVENTION IN LATE STAGES
OF THE NUCLEAR CYCLE SHOULD BE EVALUATED. DELEGATIONS
DISAGREED REGARDING EXPORT OF BREEDER AND REPROCESSING
TECHNOLOGY. MOST EP SPOKESMEN ARGUED EUROPE MUST
DEVELOP THE BREEDER. MOST IN US DELEGATION WERE WARY OF
BREEDER BECAUSE OF PROLIFERATION RISKS, ALTHOUGH A
MINORITY THOUGHT US WOULD ITSELF FURTHER DEVELOP BREEDER
TECHNOLOGY. THE TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED TO STUDY THE
POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO
CONTINUE THE STUDY OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND
ACCESS TO SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

(B) HUMAN RIGHTS. DELEGATIONS AGREED TO A GREATER
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS BETWEEN CONGRESS
AND THE EP WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF JOINT
ACTION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: (I) ADOPTION OF
PARALLEL RESOLUTIONS BY CONGRESS AND EP ON IMPORTANT
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES; (II) JOINT DEMARCHES TO OFFENDING
GOVERNMENTS IN MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS CASES; (III) JOINT
CONGRESS-EP HEARINGS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. TO
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PREPARE FOR SUCH EVENTUAL COMMON ACTION, THE TWO SIDES

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DECIDED TO STUDY, PRIOR TO THEIR NEXT SESSION TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE THIS FALL: (I) THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS; (II) HOW THEY MIGHT MORE EFFECTIVELY ASSIST POLITICAL REFUGEES; AND (III) THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST OPPRESSIVE REGIMES. THE DELEGATIONS EMPHASIZED THAT AT THE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE, BASKET III SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT WITH BASKETS I AND II. THEY ALSO EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS GLOBALLY AND NOT JUST IN EASTERN EUROPE.

(C) A CODE FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. US CO-CHAIRMAN GIBBONS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO INTRODUCE INTO CONGRESS LEGISLATION EMBODYING THE LANGE-GIBBONS' PROPOSALS FOR A BINDING CODE ON MNC'S WHICH WERE, WITH CAVEATS, UNENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED BY THE EUROPEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PARLIAMENT IN ITS APRIL SESSION (EC BRUSSELS 3926). GIBBONS NOTED THAT CONGRESSIONAL AND EC DELEGATIONS WERE INTERNALLY DIVIDED ON HIS AND LANGE'S DRAFT CODE, AND SAID NO VOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THEIR PROPOSALS DURING THE LONDON MEETINGS. HE THOUGHT LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS WOULD BE SLOW IN CONGRESS AND PROBABLY IN EC MEMBER STATES, TOO, AND SAID THAT RATHER THAN EXPECTING THE DRAFT CODE TO BE ADOPTED QUICKLY IN TOTO, HE HOPED THAT OVER TIME CONGRESS AND EUROPEAN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS WOULD PROGRESSIVELY ADOPT PORTIONS OF IT.

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